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**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM

Room: 152

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

SB 233 - Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families - Sen. Mary Caferro

SB 411 - Plan for the closure of Montana developmental center at Boulder - Sen. Mary Caferro

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN: None

Comments:



REP. Art Wittich, Chair



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE: 4.8.15

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/EXCUSED
REP. ART WITTICH, CHAIRMAN	✓	
REP. KIRK WAGONER, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓	
REP. ELLIE BOLDMAN HILL, VICE CHAIR	✓	
REP. SETH BERGLEE	✓	
REP. ALAN DOANE	✓	
REP. JENNY ECK	✓	
REP. BILL HARRIS	✓	
REP. DENISE HAYMAN	✓	
REP. STEPHANIE HESS	✓	
REP. TOM JACOBSON	✓	
REP. JESSICA KARJALA	✓	
REP. FORREST MANDEVILLE	✓	
REP. ALBERT OLSZEWSKI	✓	
REP. CAROLYN PEASE-LOPEZ	✓	
REP. GORDON PIERSON	✓	
REP. ALAN REDFIELD	✓	
REP. VINCE RICCI	✓	

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Bob & Ellen Marten	411	X		✗
Rose Mary Miller	411		X	✗
Rose Brock			X	
Mary Moletoe			X	
Ann E. Moore	411		X	
Heidi Craft	411		X	
Cathy Birtcher	411		X	
Gary Craft	City of Boulder		X	
Rick Streib	City of Boulder		X	
Alan Erickson	Citizen		X	
Shawn Lewis	MDC		X	
Connie L. Aram	citizen		X	
Dana Toole	DOJ			X
LeAnn Young	MCADSV	X		
Beth Brenneisen	Disability Rights MT	X		
Terry Munaw	MEA-MFT		X	
Stan Danielson	Citizen		X	
Andree Larose	Citizen	X		
Kim Abbott	MHRN	X		

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
David Dabell Bil Mullen	Jefferson County Jefferson Co.		X	X
Leonard Wortman	Jefferson County		X	
Timothy Turoost	AT 5 cm c		X	
Mike Kunk	NANI Markan			X
Jane McCall	Legacy Provider GpX			
Chris Abbott	none		X	
John Esp	MAKO		X	
Sabana Sekete	self		X	
Kevin Parvinen	MDC		X	
Brent Yager	MDC		X	
Janet Davis	MDC		X	
Michael Tuten	MDC		X	
Mike Sadowski	Knights Service Corp.		X	
Aimee Lagerquist	Jeff. County - Commr.		X	
Branna Schmidt	Jeff. County - Community Member		X	
Rep Edie McClafferty	SD 38		X	
Joe Sleane	SD 38		X	
Mike Kunk	HHSZ		X	
Jane Lee Hamman	self		X	
Ton Benne	DOJ			X

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Honorable Legislators

It is not fiscally responsible to rebuild and restaff another set of facilities to rehabilitate the people who are currently being served at MDC. Lowell Bartels is Interim Chaplain at MDC.

The Montana Development Center in Boulder, MT provides a very well structured environment and many other services, 24-7, to people who are violent and psychologically unstable. They have been committed to MDC but they are not all criminals.

MDC provides therapeutic rehabilitation training. Last year 39 clients were admitted and 37 were placed in the community. 3 returned because they were not able to live safely in the community. Today there are 50 clients there.

SB 411 to close MDC is a poor plan. The clients served at MDC are a danger to them selves and to others. Last week they broke 15 more windows, and 5 car windows and that is with almost 1:1 staffing. 41 staff have been injured in the last year. We are not talking about meek and mild. They have been committed to MDC for a reason. MDC is a treatment center, not a dead end institution. If you do not have housing and staff of equal quality in place to demonstrate their abilities, this is a no brainer. DO NOT close a functioning efficient rehabilitation center. Vote NO for SB 411.

Yes, I own my home and live in Boulder, I am an occupational therapist/ retired with 35 years experience working with people with disabilities of all ages across the state of Montana.

Yes, there has been bad press because of incidents which have occurred : some of the clients have committed violent acts against one another, and against staff. It is not always the staff who have committed abuse. They are so violent and difficult even the state mental hospital in Warm Springs and other group homes refuse to accept them. Last week 5 clients of AWARE were referred to MDC, because they were unable to control them.

So, if the center is closed, where will these people go? There is no place in Montana prepared or with trained staff and with a psychiatrist because they are on psychotropic medications.

Please vote NO to SB Bill 411!!! It is critical to the safety of each client, staff member and the public.

Sincerely,

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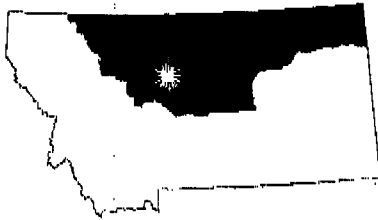
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COMMENTS: For the written record, testimony
on SB 411.

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Chair Wittich and House Human Services:

We, at North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. submit this testimony in support of SB411. We believe that strong Home and Community Based Systems do benefit all Montanans with disabilities. Consumers who live at Montana Developmental Center should be able to live work, play and receive necessary treatments throughout Montana. This is a civil rights issue for Montanans with disabilities. The State of Montana should implement policies that facilitate and foster community living. Abuses of Montanans with disabilities both in institutions and in community settings will not be tolerated by Montana's disability community.

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